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# Turner outlines new CIA policies

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The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is trying to restore public confidence in itself by releasing more information about its activities, CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner told a crowd of about 250 persons at the North Shore Unitarian Church, 2100 Half Day Rd., Bannockburn, on Sunday night.

Turner, a Highland Park native, outlined CIA policies on releasing its studies and the safeguards used to prevent illegal activities by the agency.

Turner said he is trying to establish a new model for intelligence which he called "uniquely American."

Turner said the "old" model for intelligence provided for a maximum amount of security, but little surveillance of its actions. He said the new model calls for more supervision of the agency, creating a system "just like the checks and balances that characterize our entire governmental process."

ACCORDING TO TURNER, a chief feature of the new model is the agency's willingness to share information with the public, particularly research it conducts which is unrelated to national security. For examples, he pointed to recently released reports on the Soviet Union's economy and the steel industry.

Turner also said reports involving national security are screened for public dissemination.

"If there is enough left of valid interest to the American public (after removing information relating to national security), we publish it," he said.

TURNER SAID HE hoped such practices, however, would provide greater protection for information which remains

classified. He lashed out at those who leak information about the agency, including James Agee, a former CIA spy who has written books about the agency, for "taking it upon themselves" to decide what should be made public.

Agee's actions, according to Turner, could reduce the effectiveness of hundreds of CIA members by making their secret links with the agency known.

As for safeguards against illegal agency actions, Turner pointed to new laws banning wiretapping and political assassinations. He also cited requirements for him to submit proposed covert agency actions to President Carter and Congressional and other panels.

HE SAID, "IF a covert action is to be taken, it must be approved by the National Security Council, it must have the President's signature and I must get it to the appropriate Congressional panels. This is oversight."

Although Turner said he approved of the safeguards, he said he was concerned the ban on assassinations might prevent necessary actions, such as those similar to the recent raid by German commandoes to rescue passengers of a hijacked airplane.

"I think we can find ways to do those things legally, but it's a delicate situation," he said.

During a question and answer session following his talk, Turner also said he was pleased former CIA Director Richard Helms will not have to stand trial for failing to testify fully and accurately to a Senate panel.

HELMS WAS FINED \$2,000 earlier this month by a U.S. district court judge after pleading no contest to the charges.

Turner also said he believed Helms truthfully reported to the Warren Commis-

sion during its investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. He added that all of the information the CIA has on the assassination is on the public record.

In response to a question on whether the CIA would use working journalists as agents as it allegedly has done under past administrations, Turner said, "We will have no paid or contractual arrangements with any member of the American media."

He added, however, "If you voluntarily offer information...we'd be delighted to talk with you."

TURNER DODGED A question about the CIA's assessment of Israel's military ability to abide the presence of a Palestinian state, saying the agency makes such assessments but they could not be discussed publicly.

After the questioning was closed, Turner spoke informally with and hugged and kissed old friends and neighbors from his days as a student in Highland Park High School.

"He's just as cute as he used to be," said one woman to a friend.